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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

With the freſheſt ADVICES, FOREIGN *and* DOMESTIC.

MADRID, *January* 10.

ON the firſt Inſtant arrived at Cadiz the St. Andrew, from Buenos Aires, the St. Mary, from Carthagena, and the Jaſon, from the Havannah, with about One Million Three Hundred Thouſand Dollars, in Gold and Silver, 32,000 raw Hides, 64 Maſts for his Majeſty's Navy, and other Effects. The News of the Advantages gained over the Indians, in the Province of Paraguay, by the united Armies of their Catholic and Faithful Majeſties, are very agreeable. The victorious Troops have continued the Purſuit of thoſe People, and happily ſurmounted all the Difficulties which the peculiar Situation of their Country had occaſioned, and taken full Poſſeſſion of it. The Indians no longer able to oppoſe the Attacks of our Forces, were preparing to retire into the Places allotted them by our Treaty with the Crown of Portugal. We expect very ſoon a more particular Account of this Expedition.

Dreſden, Jan. 16. On Friday laſt, the 14th Inſtant, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, his Pruſſian Majeſty returned hither in good Health from Berlin. Several Thouſand Waggons are making in the different Towns and Villages of Saxony, for carrying off the Pruſſian Magazines either into Bohemia or Sileſia. Orders are given for augmenting each Company of the Regiment of Infantry with 43 Men; and the Canoneers are buſy in the Arſenal, in preparing Cartridges, &c. In ſhort the Pruſſians are very induſtrious in preparing all Things neceſſary for the next Campaign, which in all Probability will be a very bloody one. Letters from Warſaw affirm, that there are great Commotions among the Polanders, who ſeem not a little uneaſy at the Intention of the Ruſſians, to march through their Country; and it is reported here that the Poliſh Palace in Warſaw is already ordered to be barricadoed up. A Paper, ſigned by his Poliſh Majeſty, has been publiſhed here, in which the Saxon Generals are accuſed of Cowardice and Diſobedience for not attacking the Pruſſians when they left the Camp near Pirna; but, it is thought, if they had attempted it, the Pruſſians were ſo advantageouſly poſted, that the Saxon Army would have been deſtroyed. The Saxon Generals ſeem greatly diſſatisfied with ſo undeſerved an Imputation, and think it a bad Return for the Hardſhips they ſuffered in their Camp.

Berlin, Jan. 21. Since the Departure of his Majeſty to Dreſden, nothing is talked of here but the early opening of the Campaign, in which the March of the Pruſſians, which ſeems now to be fixed, ſeems a very important Object. Notwithſtanding it is remarkable that a great General, who very probably will command the Troops that may oppoſe theſe Auxiliaries, expreſſed himſelf on that Subject in the following Terms: 'We have to fear in the 'Ruſſians, an Eaſt Wind Flight of Locuſts that will periſh in Heaps, under 'the Effects of a tedious Emigration, and the Smell of Gunpowder in a hot 'Summer. Their Deſtruction is, however, not more certain than the De'ſtruction they bring with them to the miſerable Egypt they are about to 'plague.'

The Queen-Mother is ſo much indiſpoſed with an Aſthma, that her Life is thought in Danger.

Paris, Jan. 21. Damien, the Regicide, was brought from Verſailles to this City the 18th, at Three in the Morning, in a Coach, under a ſtrong Guard. Orders were previouſly iſſued, that no Perſon ſhould ſtand on the Road, or look out a Door or Window to ſee him paſs, on Pain of being fired at by the Guards, who had Orders for that Purpoſe. The Villain ſtill keeps up a Kind of Courage, or rather Ferocity. By what we hear of him Day after Day, Libertiniſm and Fanaticiſm ruled him by Turns. He was ſometimes ſunk in the Depth of Wickedneſs, and at other Times elevated in Extaſies of Devotion.—The Priſoners that were in the Baſtile have been removed to Vincennes, to make Room for thoſe Perſons that are taken up on Damien's Account.

Since that Villain's horrid Attempt, Shoals of ſeditious Pieces and Verſes, in Print and Manuſcript, have poured in upon us. One or other of them has been ſtuck up in almoſt every public Place. Even the Convents have not been ſpared. ——The Jeſuits are particularly aimed at. The following Words, in large Characters, were ſtuck on the Gates of the Colleges.—— 'Neighbours, remove, if you would avoid being burned.' Theſe Fathers have ſince aſked a Guard, eſpecially in the Night-Time, which will no Doubt be granted.

Jan. 25. The Members of the great Chambers were ſent for laſt Sunday to Verſailles, when the King told them, That his Chancellor would acquaint them with his Intentions. By this Anſwer, his Majeſty, ſo far from withdrawing his Declarations, maintains them more and more, and inſiſts upon their being executed according to the full Intent and Meaning. With regard to the Demand made for the Re-union of all the Members, they were anſwered, That his Majeſty had already ſufficiently explained himſelf upon that Subject; that thoſe of the Inqueſts and Requeſts, who by particular Letters deſired to come in again, had received Proofs of his Majeſty's Goodneſs, and that the reſt might do the ſame. After this Diſcourſe made by the Chancellor, the King ſaid, 'You have juſt heard my Will; and I expect 'from your Attachment and Duty to me, that you immediately do juſtice 'to my People, and that To-morrow you order the Councellors to do their 'Duty.' This was accordingly done; and the great Number of Counſellors who conformed to the King's Pleaſure, and deſired to come in again, are ſufficient to re-eſtabliſh the Parliament, which will ſit in a few Days.

LONDON, *February* 3.

At a Court-Martial on board the St. George, Portſmouth Harbour, December 28, 1756, till January 25, 1757.

PRESENT,

THOMAS SMITH, Vice-Admiral of the Red, *Preſident.*

Francis Holbourn, Rear-Admiral of the Red.

Henry Norris, Rear-Admiral of the White.

Thomas Broderick, Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

CAPTAINS.

Charles Holmes, William Boyes, John Simcoe, John Bentley, Peter Dennis, Francis Geary, John Moore, James Douglaſs, Hon. Auguſtus Keppel.

THE Court, purſuant to an Order from the Lords of the Admiralty, proceeded to enquire into the Conduct of the Honorable John Byng, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, and to try him on a Charge, That during the Engagement between his Majeſty's Fleet, under his Command, and the Fleet of the French King, on the 20th of May laſt, he did withdraw, or keep back, and did not do his utmoſt to take, ſeize and deſtroy, the Ships of the French King, which it was his Duty to have engaged, and to aſſiſt ſuch of his Majeſty's Ships as were engaged in Fight with the French Ships, which it was his Duty to have aſſiſted; and for that he did not do his utmoſt to relieve St. Philip's Caſtle, in Minorca, then beſieged by the French, but acted contrary to, and in Breach of his Majeſty's Command: And having heard the Evidence and Priſoner's Defence, and very maturely and thoroughly conſidered the ſame, they are unanimouſly of Opinion, That he did not do his utmoſt to relieve St. Philip's Caſtle. And alſo, That during the Engagement between his Majeſty's Fleet and that of the French, on the 20th of May, he did not do his utmoſt to take, ſeize, and deſtroy the French, which it was his Duty to have engaged, and to aſſiſt ſuch Ships as were engaged with the French, &c. &c. and do therefore unanimouſly agree, that he falls under Part of the 12th Article of the Act of Parliament, in the 22d Year of his Majeſty's Reign: And as that Article poſitively preſcribes Death, without any Alternative left to the Direction of the Court, under any Variation of Circumſtances, the Court do therefore unanimouſly adjudge the ſaid Admiral John Byng, to be ſhot to Death, at ſuch Time, and on board ſuch Ship, as the Lords of the Admiralty ſhall direct.

[illegible] appears by the Evidence of Lord Robert Bertie, Captain Samuel Smith, Capt. Gardiner, and other Officers of the Ship, who were near the Perſon of the Admiral, that they did not perceive any Backwardneſs in him during the Action, or any Marks of Fear or Confuſion, either from his Countenance or Behaviour, but that he ſeemed to give his Orders coolly and diſtinctly, and did not ſeem wanting in perſonal Courage; and, from other Circumſtances, the Court do not believe that his Miſconduct aroſe either from Cowardice or Diſaffection, do therefore unanimouſly think it their Duty moſt earneſtly to recommend him as a proper Object of Mercy.

The above Sentence was attended with the following Repreſentation:

To the Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty.

WE the underwritten, the Preſident, and Members of the Court-Martial, aſſembled for the Trial of Admiral Byng, believe it unneceſſary to inform your Lordſhips, that in the whole Courſe of this long Trial, we have done our utmoſt Endeavours to come at Truths, and to do the ſtricteſt Juſtice to our Country, and the Priſoner; but we cannot help laying the Diſtreſſes of our Minds before your Lordſhips on this Occaſion, in finding ourſelves under a Neceſſity of condemning a Man to Death, from the great Severity of the 12th Article of War, Part of which he falls under, and which admits of no Mitigation, even if the Crime ſhould be committed by an Error in Judgment only; and therefore, for our own Conſciences Sake, as well as in Juſtice to the Priſoner, we pray your Lordſhips, in the moſt earneſt Manner, to recommend him to his Majeſty's Clemency.

We are, &c. Jan. 27, 1757.

XII. ARTICLE of WAR, 13 *Carolus* II.

Every Captain, and all other Officers, &c. that ſhall in Time of any Fight or Engagement withdraw, or keep back, or not come into the Fight, and engage, and do his utmoſt to take, fire, kill, and damage the Enemy, &c. and aſſiſt and relieve all his Majeſty's Ships, ſhall for ſuch Offence of Cowardice, or Diſaffection, be tried, and ſuffer Pains of DEATH, *or other Puniſhment as the Circumſtances of the Offence ſhall deſerve, and the Court-Martial ſhall judge fit.*

XII. ART. 22d GEO. II. *Which explains and amends the former Act.*

"Every Perſon who through Cowardice, *Negligence*, or Diſaffection, ſhall, in Time of Action, withdraw, or keep back, &c. every ſuch Perſon ſo offending, and being convicted thereof, by the Sentence of a Court-Martial, ſhall ſuffer DEATH."

The Omiſſion of the Words in Italicks, in the firſt Act, and the Addition, or rather ſingle Expreſſion of DEATH in the laſt Act, ſeems to be Ground of the Diſtreſſes of the Court Martial.

It is ſaid that when Admiral Byng is expelled the Houſe, the Warrant will be ſigned by the Lords of the Admiralty for his Execution.

A Letter from Portſmouth, dated Feb. 1.

"Admiral Byng was Yeſterday ordered to be confined on board the Monarque Man of War, in the Harbour, under a Captain's Guard of Marines.

"Admiral Weſt, as the Wind now is, will clear the Land this Night, or To-morrow Morning.

It is reported here that a strong Fleet, of 16 Sail of the Line, and 12,000 Land Forces, will be equipped from hence, for a Diversion in Canada, early this Spring; and that Vice-Admiral Knowles will have the Command."

On a late REPRESENTATION.

To the Lords of the Admiralty. ——— (By a young Lady of Fifteen.)

My LORDS,

'TIS the humble Opinion of us the Court Martial,
(A Court of all Courts, most surely impartial)
That Admiral Byng his utmost did not,
T' Engage —— And adjudge him for that to be shot;
But to palliate his Crime, with Deference we shew,
In our Sentence, Distinctions quite subtle and new;
That 'twas prov'd he ne'er shew'd any Tokens of Fear,
(And how the Plague should he, *so far in the Rear?*)
That clearly to us, he appears in this Light,
Not a Coward, —— *but only damn'd backward to fight*;
Or more clear to refine it, we've shewn in Effect,
To be backward in fighting, is —— *but a Neglect.*
And tho' we've condemn'd him, for Mercy we pray,
Lest his Case be our Case, as it certainly may.

The following Particulars relating to the Capture of the Terrible Privateer (fitted out at Execution Dock) Capt. William Death Commander, came by the last Flanders Mail: —That the Prize which they had under their Convoy had been in their Possession five Days, and according to their Instructions from their Owners, were bringing her into Port. When they fell in with the French Privateer, which had 100 Men more than them, and carried 26 Nine-Pounders on her main Deck. The French Privateer went so much better than the Terrible, that she sailed round them as she pleased, notwithstanding which, the Conduct of the Captain, and Courage of the Men, the greatest Part of whom never saw Salt Water before, the Ship was fought till every Officer, except the Surgeon's Mate and Carpenter, were killed, and only ten Men left unhurt, and seven who had lost Limbs. Both the Ships were so much damaged, that it was with the greatest Difficulty they were got into Port. The French are said to have lost all their Officers but one, and 100 Men, besides a great Number wounded.

When the Right Hon. Arthur Herbert, Earl of Torrington, was acquitted by the Court-Martial, on a Charge of Negligence, Cowardice, and abandoning the Ships of his Majesty's Allies, King William expressed the highest Resentment on the Partiality, &c. of that Measure, and told the Earl of Nottingham, Principal Secretary of State, He would have the Court-Martial tried for their criminal Indulgence to the Admiral; but being assured by the Secretary, that it was contrary to the Constitution, the King with just Indignation replied, but it is my Pleasure, *That they be stigmatized as partial and disaffected to my Government, and* I ORDER THEM ALL TO BE BROKE.

N. B. There perhaps never reigned a greater Judge of military Merit than the glorious King William III.

By the Lisbon Mail there is Advice, that the Antigallican Privateer and her Prize were seen safe off Lisbon, to which Place she convoyed the St. Alban's Prize, and was herself steering for Gibraltar.

The Quantity of Tonnage taken up for his Majesty as Transports, amounts now to 16,000.

Feb. 5. We hear his Majesty has left to the King of Prussia the Choice of a General to command the Army of Observation, which is to assemble in Westphalia.

The French, with as little Regard to Decency as to Truth, are continually bestowing on us the Names of Pirates and Barbarians; nay, in one of the Remonstrances to their King, they say, That our Hostilities with France began with Assassinations. It is impossible to guess what they intend by fixing an Imputation, not only scandalously unjust, but so opposite to that Generosity which we hope will long be the Character of Britons. What makes this foul Language still more unbecoming in them, is this, that they themselves but a few Years ago set the Example of committing Hostilities without a Declaration of War; we mean when, in 1747, they invaded Holland, and while they took the Towns of the Republic, impudently pretended they had no Intention of making War, but that these Sieges were only undertaken for the Security of the Conquests they had made on the Queen of Hungary in Flanders.

On Thursday last his Majesty was pleased to promote the eight following Colonels to the Rank of Major-Generals, viz. Alexander Dury, Francis Leighton, Hedworth Lambton, Lord Robert Manners, John Moyston, Edward Pole, John Waldegrave, and Peregrine Thomas Hopson.

General Hopson is to have the Command of the Troops destined to North-America.

Two remarkable Circumstances are related to have happened at the Time Admiral Byng received his Sentence; the Court-Martial *wept*, and the Sailors on Board gave three Cheers.

It was reported last Night that the King of Prussia was put under the Bann of the Empire.

It was also rumored that the Russians cannot march on account of the King of Prussia's having bought up all the Forage.

It is confidently said, in Regard to the Memory of the late Lord Viscount Torrington, Admiral Byng's Father, the Sentence passed on him will be changed, and that instead of being shot, he is to be beheaded.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Captain Barford, late of Pepperell's Regiment, in North-America, to a Company in his Majesty's Third Regiment, commonly called the Old Buffs.

We hear that the King of Prussia, from all his veteran Regiments, has selected particular brave and experienced Men, whom he has formed into one Regiment of Body-Guards, by the Name of *The Regiment of Death*: They are all dressed in Black, and have no Ornament but a Death's Head embroidered on their Caps.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. William Cowan, late of the Knowles Frigate, to William Richardson, of Tower-Hill, dated Bayonne Prison, Jan. 8.

——" That he was taken on the 11th of November by the la Rose Privateer, of 20 Guns and 260 Men, 150 Leagues West from the Lizard. He was in the Privateer from the 11th of November to the 2d of January, all which Time he had just Victuals enough to keep Soul and Body from separating; he eat, slept, and eased himself all in one Place. There are 40 Commanders of Ships in this Prison with me, one of which came in last Night from Montserrat, his Name is Layons, with a Number of Passengers; they all meet with the same Usage on board the Privateers. There were two other Captains taken by the same Privateer, one from Liverpool, bound to Virginia, the other from Lisbon to Cork. There are 30 Sail of Privateers out of this Place and St. John de Luz, which is 12 Miles to the Westward, and they cruize in 49 130 Distance from the Lizard, from 130 Leagues to 200 West. As soon as they came within Sight of Land, they put us all in Irons, and one of my Brother Captains and myself had our Wrists swelled over our Irons; had we staid two Days longer, we should have lost the Use of our Hands; and the People's Legs were so swelled that they were not able to walk for some Days after they were ashore. We have a Bundle of Straw for two of us to lie on."

NEW-YORK, *April* 11.

Copy of a Letter from Albany, dated March 30. 1757.

I Make no Doubt but you have heard of our late Alarm; and as I have been as far up as Lake George, will acquaint you with the Particulars of the Siege of Fort William-Henry, as it was related to me by a Gentleman that was in the Fort, and an Eye-witness to the whole.

On Saturday the 19th Instant; an Express arrived here from Fort Edward, with Advice that they had heard several large Guns fired at Fort William Henry; about two Hours after, two other Expresses came in from the same Place, which confirmed the first Account, with the Addition of a continual Firing being heard; and that they made no Doubt but that the Fort was besieged by the French. Sunday the 20th, the Alarm Drum beat here, when every Man that was capable of bearing Arms was ordered to prepare for a March in Half an Hour, which we did, and rendevouzed at the Half-Moon, where we waited all the next Day, in order that our whole Force might be collected: That Day a fourth Express arrived, with an authentic Account, that a numerous French Army had been before Fort William-Henry, from the 19th in the Morning, had made several Attacks upon the Fort, but were as often bravely repulsed by the besieged. We were soon joined by all the Regulars from this Place and Schenectady, and 700 brave Highlanders, when we computed our Number to be about 4000, including 25 Indians. We were to have been joined by another Regiment from Fort Edward, but upon our Arrival there, we were informed that the Enemy finding all their Schemes against the Fort proved abortive, were gone off, which chagrined us much, as we intended to have attacked them that Night. I shall now give you an Account how the Enemy was first discovered.

Saturday the 19th, about Two o'Clock in the Morning, the Centry on the East Side of the Fort discovered a Light, it being very dark, which he challenged, but receiving no Answer, he fired his Musket. This soon alarmed the Fort, when Major Ayres, the Commanding Officer, immediately ordered a profound Silence, that every Man should stand to his Arms, and keep a good Look-out; several People were then heard coughing on the Ice, and the Rangers, with a Corporal's Guard, then out, were ordered in. Soon after the Enemy endeavoured to approach the Fort, but met with such a warm and unexpected Reception, as soon obliged them to retire, having first fired their small Arms, which did our People no Hurt, and at Day-light there was not the Face of a Frenchman to be seen, but at Night they returned again with all the Quietness imaginable, intending, as we since learned, to scale the Walls of the Fort; but our People kept so goood a Look-out, and constant Fire on them as they approached, that their Design was frustrated.

Sunday Morning the Enemy's Camp was discovered about a Mile from the Fort, by the Smoke that appeared in the Air. A Party of Rangers were immediately sent out to reconnoitre their Encampment, which as soon as they approached, found the Enemy to be very numerous. About 12 o'Clock at Noon, they marched their whole Army in Sight of our Fort, two Men deep, which extended more than a Mile and an Half on the Ice, in order to intimidate the Garison, by shewing them their Strength. This done, they sent out a Captain with four Men, unarmed, and 12 at some little Distance from them, armed. The Captain came within 20 Yards of the Fort, waving a red Flag; upon which Major Ayres sent Lieut. Drummond, of the 44th Regiment, with the like Number of Men, to meet them; they saluted each other in a very polite Manner, after which the French Officer delivered a Letter to Lieut. Drummond, which he said was from his Commanding Officer Mons. Vaudreuil. This Letter was sent to Major Ayres, by an English Soldier, who, on reading the same, ordered the French Officer to be blind-folded, and brought into the Fort, and that Mr. Drummond should remain Hostage till his Return, which being agreeable to both Parties, the Frenchman was conducted to the Major's own Apartment, and having the Handkerchief taken off his Face, informed Major Ayres, that 'The Commandant of 'his Most Christian Majesty's Forces on Lake Sacrament, desired he would give up the Fort 'he had built on their Majesty's Land; that they would allow us all the Honors of War; 'that our People should march out with their Colors, and take their most valuable Baggage 'with them, only leave some Trifles to amuse the Indians; that if we were afraid of them, 'they had Regulars enough to guard us from any Hurt; but if we perisited, and obliged 'them to storm the Fort, which they were determined to do, they could not answer for 'the Cruelty of the Savages; and that we must expect every Man would be put to the 'Sword.' Major Ayres heard all Monsieur had to say very coolly, without Interruption; after which he desired him to 'give his Compliments to Mons. Vaudreuil, and acquaint 'him, that he had 1000 effective Men in his Fort; and that while ten of them remained 'alive, he would not surrender; but that he would be glad to see Monsieur as soon as he 'pleased, being well provided for his Reception; and that they might put their Projects in 'Execution when they pleased;' on which they parted. Our People expected they would attack them immediately, but they did nothing that Day. At Night they attempted to set Fire to the Fort, when they were prevented by the Vigilance of the besieged. That Night they burned a Storehouse, and next Day got on a Hill, and continued firing without Intermission till dark; their Situation was such that the Cannon could not hurt them much; but they were soon saluted with some Shells, which obliged them to remove. In the Evening they set Fire to all the Battoes on the Lake, and burned Gersham's House, though he saved the greatest Part of his Goods. They burned two Sloops; and a very heavy Snow falling next Day, they were obliged to go quite off, being short of Provisions and not able to endure the Severity of the Weather any longer. We have made three Prisoners, who were wounded, and not able to march back to Ticonderoga. They say, they were 2500 strong when they set out; that they have been preparing for this Expedition, since November last; that they brought 300 Scaling-Ladders with them; that their Orders and Intentions were, to put all in the Fort to the Sword, Men, Women and Children; and that they would not have sent the Flag of Truce, had they not been frustrated in their Design; and that they thought to frighten us out of the Fort.

Several of their Scaling-Ladders have been found; and it is computed we have killed 20 or 30 of the Enemy, but we cannot be certain, as the Snow is now four Feet deep in many Places, and they drew all their dead out of our Sight. I could be more particular; but as the above are the Grounds of the Siege, I hope it will suffice. We had not one Man killed, and but six slightly wounded. The Officers, as well as the Men, behaved with the greatest Resolution imaginable, and were determined to stand out to the last, rather than trust their Lives in the Hands of Savages.

We are credibly formed, that two Armies equal in Number to Mons. Vaudreuil's, set out from Canada at the same Time he did, one of which was destined to scour the Mohawk's River, and meet M. Vaudreuil in Albany, but the Destination of the third was not known, though it was generally thought that they intended to march Northward; and that the French in the late Action with the brave Captain Rogers, had not less than 50 Men killed and wounded.

Extract of another Letter from Albany, April 2, 1757.

" This Morning an Account was brought to Town, that a large Army of French and Indians were seen at a small Distance from the German Flatts; but few here believe it. Sir William Johnson is full in Readiness, with 1500 of the Militia.

" Every Man in the French Army that came against Fort William-Henry, was equipped in the following Manner, viz. with two Pair of Indian Shoes, two Pair of Stockings, one Pair of Spatterdashes, one Pair of Breeches, two Jackets, one large Over-coat, two Shirts, two Caps, one Hat, one Pair of Mittins, one Tomhawk, two Pocket Knives, one scalping Knife, one Steel and Flint, every two Men an Ax, and every four a Kettle and Oil cloth for a Tent, with one Blanket and a Bearskin, and 12 Days Provisions of Pork and Bread, all which they drew on little Hand-Sleighs."

P. S. Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. Just now another Express came to Town from the German Flatts: The Particulars I cannot learn; but it is reported the French were near by, and consisted of 2000 Men. The Militia Drums beat to Arms again.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 22.

To the Honorable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, *Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the County and Dominion of* VIRGINIA:

The Humble ADDRESS of the COUNCIL.

SIR,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to return your Honor our sincere Thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech, at the Opening of this Session.

The many great and interesting Events that have happened during your Administration, the Toil and Labor that you have undergone in the Service of your King and Country, were never experienced by any of your Predecessors.

When you retire from the Fatigue of Business, you will feel the Satisfaction arising from your past Conduct, and the Virtues of the good Citizen will then stand eminently distinguished, and receive a Lustre from your public Character.

To maintain the just Rights and Prerogatives of the Crown, to support the public Credit of our Country, and to protect our Back-Inhabitants from the cruel Insults of the *French* and their *Indians*, are Objects worthy of the most serious Attention: And as we have, upon all Occasions, been animated with the warmest Zeal for the Honor of the best of Kings, and the Prosperity of this Colony, we assure your Honor of our ready and chearful Concurrence in every Measure that is conducive to these great and salutary Purposes.

To which his Honor was pleased to return the following ANSWER:

Gentlemen of the Council,

I RETURN you my most sincere Thanks for your kind and affectionate Address.

Your tender Observance of the great Fatigues that have attended my Administration, and your Wishes for my Happiness when retired from the Hurry of public Business, raises in me a true, sincere, and grateful Respect for your continued Regard for me.

No Retirement can obliterate the Esteem I shall always retain for your generous Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and the Good of our Country.

Continue, Gentlemen, in these just Dispositions, and I doubt not of the Blessing of Heaven on your chearful Concurrence in any Measures conducive to the Support and Protection of the Rights of the best of Kings, and the Safety of our Lives and Fortunes.

To the Honorable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, *Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* VIRGINIA,

The Humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of BURGESSES.

SIR,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Burgesses of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Honor our sincere and hearty Thanks for your very affectionate Speech, and the kind Offer you make of your Service for the Interest of this Colony.

And although we are truly sorry to hear that your Honor's Health is so much impaired that you cannot sustain the Duties of your Appointment, yet permit us, Sir, to indulge ourselves in the pleasing Prospect of those Benefits which may arise to us from your good Offices at Home, which, we assure you, we shall always esteem as a peculiar Favor and singular Advantage to this Country.

The tender Regard which our excellent Sovereign has shown for the Preservation and Security of his American Dominions, by sending a large Armament to their Assistance and Defence, must raise in us the most suitable Returns of Gratitude and Loyalty, as it is a Continuance of that Royal Goodness and Concern for the Safety and true Interest of his faithful Subjects, which they have so often experienced.

On this Occasion the unfeigned Tender of our Lives and Fortunes is no more than is due to His Majesty and our Country; and we do give your Honor the strongest Assurances, that, in this common Cause, we will, with the greatest Firmness, zealously unite to assert and maintain the Honor and just Rights of His Majesty's Crown, and to concur in every such Measure, within our Power, as may be necessary to carry on the present War with a Spirit and Vigor becoming true Sons of *Britain*; imploring the Divine Providence to give Success to His Majesty's Arms, and make them the happy Means of removing those violent Ravages and Depredations which now distress and interrupt the Tranquillity of the *British* Colonies upon this Continent.

To which his Honor was pleased to return the following ANSWER.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I RETURN you my sincere and hearty Thanks for your kind and affectionate Address.

If please God I get safe to Britain, *it will at all Times give me much Pleasure if I can be of any Service to this Dominion.*

Your just and grateful Notice of His Majesty's great Care for the Security of his American *Dominions, your unfeigned Tender of your Lives and Fortunes to support and maintain the just Rights of his Crown, and your Determination to assist in carrying on this just War with Vigor becoming the true Sons of* Britain, *give me a most sensible Pleasure; which, by the Divine Assistance, I doubt not will fully protect you from the Ravages and Depredations of a most cruel and barbarous Enemy, and restore the Tranquillity of the* British *Colonies on this Continent, the Completion thereof shall be my continual Prayer and sincere Wish.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Williamsburg, April 15, 1757.

WHEREAS I propose to leave this Colony this Summer, and being under an absolute Necessity of settling Mr. HUNTER's Books and Affairs before my Departure; This is to desire all Persons who have been long in Arrears to the said HUNTER, immediately to discharge their Accounts, otherwise they may expect to be sued without further Notice.

JOHN STRETCH.

April 22, 1757.

THE Gentlemen appointed by the Common Hall of the City of *Williamsburg*, will meet on *Tuesday* next at the House of Mr. *Henry Wetherburn*, at Six o'Clock in the Evening, in order to agree with a Carpenter for building a Market-House in the said City.

THE Third Academy Lottery Tickets to be sold at the *Printing-Office*, in *Williamsburg*, at four Dollars each.

THE Assembly having given a Sum of Money to build a Furnace, and prepare Materials for the making of Pot-Ash in the City of *Williamsburg*, that Mr. *Thomas Stephens* may instruct any Persons who are willing to learn his Method; Notice is hereby given, that 3*d*. will be given for every Bushel of good Ashes that shall be delivered to Mr. *John Gilliam*, at the Attorney's, in *Williamsburg*.

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The Art of Riding and managing the great Horse, &c.

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To be LETT, and entered on immediately, at Todd's *Warehouse,*

A Large convenient Storehouse, 36 Feet long, 18 Feet wide, and shedded down with eight Feet Sheds. Likewise a House on the River, 32 by 18. Also a Public House, with all convenient Outhouses, to be entered on in *December* next. The whole may be let together, or separate, on very reasonable Terms, by applying to the Subscriber, living near *Hobb*'s Hole, in *Essex* County. *Thomas Waring.*

April 13, 1757.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Hogsheads of Tobacco, with their Marks and Numbers, Gross, Neat and Tare, have been lying in *Dixon*'s Warehouses, at the Falls of *Rappahannock* River, for several Years past, without ever being demanded of the said Inspectors now present.

Mark.	Number.	Gross.	Neat.	Tare.
RY	484	1224	1096	128
TL	266	1241	1121	120
WD	2016	1274	1141	133
Do.	2017	1087	966	121
G	1307	1036	909	117
IW	323	1166	1038	128

John Pollard,
Thomas Sharpe.

To be SOLD to the highest Bidders, on the 2*d* Tuesday *of* November, *if fair, if not, the next fair Day, at the late Dwelling-House of* William Jordan, *deceased, in* Richmond *County,*

ABOUT 20 or 30 good Slaves, with all the Houshold Furniture of the said *William Jordan*, deceased. Also to be sold or lett about 1000 Acres of Land, with a very good Brick Dwelling-House and Store, about four Miles from *Rappahannock* River, and very convenient for a Merchant. Likewise 1000 Acres of Land, lying in *Culpeper* County, about six Miles from the Court-House, with all convenient Houses for Cropping. The Purchasers will have 12 Months Credit, on giving Bond and Security.

N. B. The Subscriber intending to leave this Colony soon, desires all Persons who have any open Accounts on the Books of his deceased Father (*William Jordan*) or himself, to come and settle directly, otherways they will be instantly sued.

John M. Jordan.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Culpeper* County, a small bay Horse, branded on the near Buttock thus T, and on the off Buttock thus N, with an U through it. He has been posted, and appraised to 30 Shillings. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs. *John Marks.*

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living on the South Side of *Slate* River, in *Albemarle* County, a gray Horse, about four Feet two Inches high, with a Bob Tail, is flea-bitten about the Head, and branded on the near Shoulder thus O. He Has been posted, and appraised to four Pounds. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs. *Gideon Thomas.*

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Culpeper* County, a black Cow, marked with a Hole and Crop in the right Ear, and an under Keel in the left Ear. She has been posted, and appraised to 30 Shillings. The Owner may have her on paying as the Law directs. *Henry Field.*

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living on *Slate* River, in *Albemarle* County, a sorrel Horse, about four Years old, about four Feet five Inches high, and branded on the near Shoulder thus FF. He has been posted and appraised. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs. *William Binion.*

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Culpeper* County, a bay Horse, with a long Mane, is docked, and branded on the near Buttock thus WK. He has been posted, and appraised to four Pistoles. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs. *William Russel, Jun.*

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living on the South Branch of *Meherrin* River, in *Lunenburg* County, a dark Iron gray Horse, about four Feet seven Inches high, about four Years old, of a lighter Color about his Head than the rest of his Body, has several Saddle-Marks, and branded on Shoulder and Buttock W. He has been posted, and appraised to three Pounds. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs. *Jeremiah Harcher.*

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Culpeper* County, a small bay Mare, with a Star in her Forehead, a Snip on her Nose, and branded on the near Shoulder thus X. The Owner may have her on paying as the Law directs. *Jacob Broyell.*

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Culpeper* County, a ſmall black Mare, about five Years old, trots, and branded on the near Buttock thus Y. She had a Bell on, marked RT. She has been poſted, and appraiſed to 25 Shillings. The Owner may have her on paying as the Law directs.

John Barry.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Southampton* County, a ſorrel Mare, about four Feet four Inches high, a Blaze in her Face, ſome white on all her Feet, ſeveral Saddle Spots, a Sprig Tail, had on an old Bell, and is branded on the near Buttock thus 5e. The Owner may have her on paying as the Law directs.

Robert Rich.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near *Suſſex* Court-Houſe, a ſmall bay Horſe, about three Years old, is cut, docked, and branded on the near Buttock thus S. He has been poſted, and appraiſed to two Piſtoles. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

Benjamin Hunt.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near the Mouth of *Flatt* Creek, in *Amelia* County, a dark bay Horſe, about four Feet four Inches high, a Bob Tail, ſeveral Saddle Spots, had on a Bell, but not branded. He has been poſted, and appraiſed to 30 Shillings. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

William Finney.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Hanover* County, a ſmall black Horſe, with a Bell on, and branded on the near Thigh thus C. He has been poſted, and appraiſed to 30 Shillings. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

John Hughes.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living at *Mill* Creek, in *Frederick* County, a bright bay Horſe, about 14 Hands high, about ſeven Years old, paces ſlow, is ſhod before, has ſome Saddle Spots, but no Brand perceivable. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

Robert Cunningham.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near *Peterſburg*, two Steers, about three or four Years old, one of them brown, with a white Face, the other red, with a white Face, and are marked with a Swallow Fork in the right Ear, and a Crop, Slit, and Half-Moon in the left Ear. They have been poſted, and appraiſed to 30 Shillings. The Owner may have them on paying as the Law directs.

James Baugh, Junior.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Cheſterfield* County, two red and white pied Steers, the largeſt of them marked with a Swallow Fork in the left Ear, and a Crop and two Slits in the right; the other marked with a Crop and Slit in the left, and a Natch in the under Side, and on the right with an Half-Moon on the under Side. They have been poſted and appraiſed, the largeſt to 30 Shillings, and the other to 20 Shillings. The Owners may have them on paying as the Law directs.

Simon Hancocke.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Cheſterfield* County, a black Horſe, with ſeveral Saddle Spots, and branded on the near Buttock thus O. He has been poſted, and appraiſed to 30 Shillings.

Alſo, a ſmall black Mare, with a white Face, a long Tail, all her Feet white, and branded on the near Shoulder with a Stirrup Iron. She has been poſted, and appraiſed to two Pounds. The Owner may have them on paying as the Law directs.

Francis Moſely.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Culpeper* County, a middle ſized light gray Mare, with a long Mane and Tail, ſomewhat flea-bitten about the fore Parts, and branded on the off Buttock thus N. She has been poſted, and appraiſed to five Pounds. The Owner may have her on paying as the Law directs.

Henry Sparks.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Cumberland* County, a large brindled Cow, [illegible] of White on her Back and Belly, marked in the right Ear with a Crop, and in the left with a Crop and Slit. She has been poſted, and appraiſed to 25 Shillings. The Owner may have her on paying as the Law directs.

John Watkins.

THE Subſcriber having left off the Millinery Buſineſs, and removed into the Country, deſires all Perſons indebted to her to pay their reſpective Balances to *John Pearſon Webb*, and thoſe who have any Demands againſt her are deſired to apply to the ſaid *Webb* for Payment, in *Williamſburg*. Fans will be mounted as uſual; and Orders left with the ſaid *John Webb*, will be forwarded to

Frances Webb.

Williamſburg, April 15th, 1757.

ON *Tueſday* the 26th Inſtant, will be ſold to the higheſt Bidder, for ready Money, at the *Printing-Office*, Two complete Setts of Surveyors Inſtruments.

To be SOLD at public Auction, before Mr. Wetherburn's *Door, on* Tueſday *the 26th Inſtant,*

AN Houſe and Lott, in the City of *Williamſburg*, very well ſituated, wherein Mr. *Green*, Merchant, now lives, late belonging to Mrs. *Park*; with a Kitchen, Dairy, Outhouſes, and Garden; alſo a Store, with a Cellar, and ſeveral other very good Conveniences. The Purchaſers will have Credit for one Half till *October* next, and the other Half till *April* following, on giving Bond and Security to

George Pitt.

April 15, 1757.

Purſuant to a Decree of the Court of Vice-Admiralty.

To be SOLD at the Swan *Tavern, in* York *Town, at public Auction, to the higheſt Bidders, for ready Money,*

THE Prize-Ships *Czar* of *Muſcovy* and *St. Vincent*, with their Guns and Apparel; alſo their Cargoes, conſiſting of Sugar, Rum, Indico, Pimento, Coffee, Ginger, Cotton, *&c.* The Sale to begin on *Monday*, the 2d Day of *May* next, and to continue until the whole be ſold.

John Hunter.

To be SOLD at public Auction, on Tueſday *the 10th of next Month, at* Onancock *Town, on the* Eaſtern *Shore, purſuant to the laſt Will and Teſtament of* Charles Weſt, *late of* Accomack *County, deceaſed.*

SEVEN or Eight Thouſand Buſhels of good ſound *Indian* Corn, for ready Money, or ſhort Credit.

All Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of the ſaid *Charles Weſt*, are deſired to make ſpeedy Payment; and thoſe who have any Demands againſt the ſame, to bring in their Accounts, that they may receive Payment.

Iſaac Smith, Executor.

THE Subſcriber, living in *Norfolk*, will employ a good Biſket Baker for three Months certain, and give good Encouragement.

Robert Tucker.

To be SOLD,

A Valuable Tract of Land, lying on *Chickahominy River*, in *Charles-City* County, well timbered and watered, convenient to Court and Mill, and commonly known by the Name of *Black* Swamp. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may know the Terms by applying to the Subſcriber, in the ſaid County, near *Cowles's* Ferry.

William Armiſtead.

To be SOLD at public Auction, on the 3d Tueſday *in* May *next,*

TWO Lotts of Ground, in the Town of *Tappahannock*, in *Eſſex* County, with a very convenient Dwelling-Houſe, with two Fire-Rooms, 16 Feet Square, a Shed eight Feet wide, containing two Fire Rooms, two Rooms above Stairs, 16 Feet Square, a Kitchen, 32 Feet Square, including a Shed, a Stable of the ſame Dimenſions, another Houſe 32 Feet by 20, and a fine large Garden joining to the Houſes.

3 *John Elpingſton,*

To be SOLD at public Auction, on the Firſt Tueſday *in* May *next, at* Hampton,

TEN or Twelve *Virginia* born Slaves, belonging to the Eſtate of Mr. *Baron*, deceaſed. The Purchaſers will have ſix Months Credit, on giving Bond and Security to

Batt and Servant, } Executors.
Robert Brough, }

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THE Subſcriber's *Engliſh* Horſe, known by the Name of *Silver-Eye*, at his Houſe in *Henrico* County, will cover Mares all this Seaſon for Twenty-ſix Shillings each Cover, or Five Guineas, and the Mare ſhall be covered as often the Owner pleaſes this Seaſon, or until the Mare refuſes the Horſe, if the Money is ſent, not otherwiſe.

2 *Samuel Du Val.*

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, a ſmall black Mare, with ſeveral Saddle Spots, and has been poſted and appraiſed to 35 Shillings.——Alſo a gray Mare, trots, and branded on the near Buttock thus JW. She has been poſted, and appraiſed to three Pounds. The Owner may have them on paying as the Law directs.

Samuel Harris.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near the Mouth of *Willis's* Creek, in *Cumberland* County, a ſorrel Mare, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock thus D. She has been poſted, and appraiſed to three Pounds. The Owner may have her on paying as the Law directs.

Major Bolling.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in the Neck of *Lawn's* Creek, in *Iſle of Wight* County, a ſmall bay Horſe, with a hanging Mane and ſhort ſwitch Tail, but no Brand perceivable. He has been poſted, and appraiſed to 25 Shillings. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

John Carrell.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near *Bevil's* Neck, in *Amelia* County, a ſmall ſorrel Horſe, with a Star in his Forehead, a Sprig Tail and hanging Mane, ſeveral Saddle Spots, ſome white Spots about his Neck, and branded on the near Buttock thus TB, in a Piece. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

George Worſham.

WHEREAS ſeveral Letters have been lately ſent to the General Post-Office in *Williamſburg*, to be forwarded to *Great-Britain* by the *New-York* Packets; This is to inform all concerned, that no Letters will be diſpatched from the ſaid Office for the Packets, until the Inland Poſtage thereon is paid, which is

For a ſingle Letter, - - 6
For a double Letter, - - 12 } Penny-Weight of Silver.
For a treble Letter, - - 18
For every Ounce Wt. - - 24

And for the future no Letters coming by the Northern or Eaſtern Mails will be delivered out of the Office to the Perſons to whom they are addreſſed, until the Poſtage thereon is paid.

JOHN STRETCH, *Deputy Poſtmaſter.*

To be SOLD at public Auction, for ready Money, on April 26*th, at* Williamſburg,

THIRTY Hhds. of Claret, 20 Boxes of fine Sallad Oyl, and 20 Boxes of Caſtile Soap, being Part of the Cargoe of the Prize carried into *Providence* by the *Guarland*.

Andrew Sprowl.

King-William County, *April* 8, 1757.

WHEREAS ſome ill-diſpoſed Perſons have falſly reported that the Ferry at *Claiborne's* is put down; This is therefore to give public Notice that thoſe who favor me with their Cuſtom, may depend on good Uſage and a quick Paſſage over to the uſual Place for Seven-pence Halfpenny Man and Horſe, or down to Capt. *Macon's* Landing for One Shilling, which cuts off two Miles in their Way to *Williamſburg*.

Jane Claiborne.

Norfolk, April 5, 1757.

THE Subſcriber propoſes to be at *Williamſburg*, from the 20th or 22d to the 30th Inſt. with an Intention to comply with the ſeveral Engagements he has entered into:—And he takes this public Method to deſire the Favor of all Perſons, who are ſenſible they ought to diſcharge their Accounts then, to make due Payments, in order to enable him to make good the aforeſaid Engagements.—He further takes the Liberty to give Notice to all thoſe whoſe Accounts have been above nine Months ſtanding, and thoſe who have hitherto failed to diſcharge their proteſted Bills of Exchange, and Bonds, according to their repeated Promiſes, that, if they do not diſcharge their ſeveral Accounts, Bills and Bonds, in the Time above-mentioned, all ſuch Papers will be put into Lawyer's Hands, without further Application.

3 — *Robert Tucker.*

Juſt Publiſhed,

THE Second Edition of *A Voyage into the South Sea*, and ready to be delivered to the Subſcribers by the Printer at *Philadelphia*; And as there are ſome few Copies more printed than are ſubſcribed for, thoſe who are inclinable may yet ſubſcribe, either with the Author *John Bulkeley*, Gunner of the *Wager* Man of War when ſhe was loſt or with Mr. *Joſhua Weſt* in *Williamſburg*, who will deliver all the Books ſubſcribed for in *Virginia*.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Halifax* County, a bay Horſe, trots, draws well, but no Brand perceivable. He has been poſted, and appraiſed to five Pounds. Alſo a ſmall bay Horſe, trots, had a Bell on, and branded on the near Buttock thus 3 O, with a Stroke through the O. He has been poſted, and appraiſed to four Pounds. The Owners may have them on paying as the Law directs.

Samuel Harris.

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